

# Nevada Department of Education

## 2004 Mega Conference

*Supporting High Achievement for All Students*



### **Join Us To Learn About Top Strategies for:**

- Assessment and Accountability for Student Achievement
- Using Data to Drive Decision-Making
- Effective Instruction for Diverse Learners
- Leadership that Ensures Learning for All Students
- Successfully Collaborating with The Community
- Implementing Effective Professional Learning Communities
- Positively Impacting School Climate and Student Learning



**April 23-25, 2004**

**Incline Village, NV**

**Hyatt Regency  
Lake Tahoe**



*Offered in collaboration with the University Center for Excellence at UNR.*

# Pre-Conference Opportunities

## Session 1: Effectively Implementing a Professional Learning Community

In this pre-conference session, learn about the Professional Learning Community (PLC) model. This model focuses on the use of data-driven, results oriented best practices in order to create an environment of collaborative teams. Come and learn how to implement a successful PLC in your school.

## Session 2: Stress: Do You Have It Under Control

Many professionals deal with too much stress. In this pre-conference session, find new ways to cope in a high-stress environment. Walk away with new strategies to relax and enjoy life, as well as ways to maintain and improve your health.

## Session 3: Nutrition

Want to know how nutrition can not only enhance your students' academic performance, but also enhance your school budget?

Attend this pre-conference to learn how reorganizing the school day can increase student achievement and how providing healthier foods in the vending machine increases the nutritional value of what kids eat, while putting money in your school's pocket.

## Session 4: With All Due Respect

A fascinating and fun workshop to help teachers develop their personal discipline skills and also learn the essential strategies for building discipline as a team. Teachers will learn how to; increase time for teaching, improve standards for student work, put authority back in the teacher role, and decrease reliance on punishment and suspension. New approaches will be revealed regarding school and classroom discipline techniques, strategies for the learning environment, practical techniques for classroom management, and strategies for dealing with defiance, disruptions, and non-compliance.

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## Keynote Speakers



### Opening Keynote Address:

*Friday, April 23, 2004*

*3:00- 4:15 pm*

### Crystal Kuykendall, Ed.D.

Crystal Kuykendall, Ed.D., is an educator, attorney, author, human relations expert, and presenter. She is President of Kreative and Innovative Resources for Kids, Inc., which specializes in human

relations, staff development, and motivational training.

### Keynote Address:

*Saturday, April 24, 2004*

*8:15-10:00 am*

### Randall S. Sprick, Ph.D.

Randall Sprick, Ph.D., an independent consultant, is a nationally recognized expert on discipline and motivation. A former teacher and assistant professor, he has abundant experience teaching students with emotional and behavioral disorders, and has supervised programs for students who struggle in school.



## From Rage to Hope

A firm believer that "educating everyone takes everyone", Dr. Kuykendall has a message for all who are concerned about the proliferation of violence in today's society, drug abuse, drop out rates, teen pregnancy, suicide, and youth alienation. In addressing so very effectively the causes of youth rage, Dr. Kuykendall provides insight on dispute resolution, conflict management and mediation. Importantly, she is able to inspire diverse audiences to be more proactive in abating some of the challenges facing today's youth.

## Creating (or Enhancing) Positive School Climate

Anyone who visits many schools knows that you can feel the climate of a school within the first fifteen minutes. The climate of the school should be welcoming, encouraging and positive. A positive climate can be consciously created and protected. Dr. Sprick presents 20 specific strategies that school personnel can use to make the school a more inviting and positive place for students. The strategies include a) things the entire staff can implement, b) things a single grade level or department can implement, and c) things a single individual can do to make the school a more positive place for everyone.

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## Mega Conference Breakout Sessions

If you are a PreK-12 teacher, administrator, paraprofessional, program specialist, school psychologist, school counselor, related service provider, education policy maker or a parent, you won't want to miss this opportunity to walk away with tools and technique to make a unique difference in your life and the lives of others. You'll also have the opportunity to network with your colleagues from across the state and country.

### Explore breakout sessions and workshops for early childhood, elementary and secondary students on:

- Using Technology as an Instructional Tool
- Reading and Writing Success
- Creating an Environment that Enhances Student Learning

- Building Successful School and Parent Partnerships
- Teaching Students with Limited English Proficiency
- No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Considerations
- Professional Learning Communities
- Mastering Mathematics
- Universal Design
- Instructional Consultation
- Behavior Management and Support
- Using Data to Drive School Improvement
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Classroom Based Assessment and Instructional Support
- Differentiating Instruction for Diverse Learners
- Literacy Strategies

## Additional Information

### Hotel Information

Join us for a fun-filled, learning packed weekend at the newly renovated Hyatt Regency, Incline Village, NV. The Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe is a deluxe resort located on Lake Tahoe's tranquil North Shore, nestled in the High Sierra Mountains. A true year round destination, the resort recently completed a \$60 million transformation and features 500 feet of private beach just minutes from 16 downhill and cross country ski areas. Play tennis, golf, relax at the pool and be pampered by the professional staff at their new resort.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe. **Call (800) 233-1234 or 775-832-1234 and reference the Nevada Mega Conference before 3/20/04 to get a special rate** of \$125 single or double, \$150 triple, or \$175 quadruple occupancy (+tax). You will also be charged a "Resort Amenities Fee" of \$10 per room per day. Conference participants who stay at the hotel can access a refund for the Amenity Fees after hotel checkout. Go to the conference registration desk on Saturday after 1:30 pm. for more information. Please note that due to hotel policy, your credit card will be charged for the first night's cost at the time you make your reservation.

### Educational Credit

- .5 to 1.5 continuing education units (CEU) will be available from the NV Dept. of Education, depending on # of hours attended (7.5 hours=.5 CEU; 15 hours=1 CEU; 21.5 hours=1.5 CEU)
- 1 Professional Development Education (PDE) credit is being solicited from Clark County School District
- 1 university credit (undergrad or grad/non-degree) is being solicited from UNR and from Sierra NV College
- For WCSO, permission is being sought to use the conference for standards-based professional dev. credit

## The ORIGINAL Mega Conference is Back!

In case you went to the Summer Institute/Mega Conference last June at Harvey's, please note that this will not be the same structure as last year-- we are returning to the long-time favorite format of past Mega Conferences at The Hyatt in Incline and The Orleans in Las Vegas.

### Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships will be available for Nevada participants. Sign up at the website: [www.nde.state.nv.us/mega](http://www.nde.state.nv.us/mega) or call Ida at 775-784-4921 x2358 to get your name on the list. You will receive confirmation within three days letting you know if you will receive a scholarship. Successful scholarship recipients will receive a check for \$200 at the conference to reimburse you for registration and some of your travel costs. You will still need to pay the registration fee when you submit your registration form (this helps us ensure that "no shows" are not awarded scholarships—thanks for your understanding). Questions: contact Ida at [iroberts@unr.edu](mailto:iroberts@unr.edu) or at the number above.

### Friday Night Share Fair

*An Opportunity to Inform Others About your Program and Share Great Useable Ideas!*

Do you work with a program or organization that is a great resource for educators? Do you want to share information with others who could use the knowledge? If so, contact Ida Roberts to discuss the nature of your program and services that you offer. The Share Fair will allow you to let other educators know what your resource is all about in an informal mix and mingle setting, and enable you to disseminate information as well as speak with conference attendees. Registration will be waived for 1 person per table. Call or email Ida at 775.784.4921 x 2358 or [iroberts@unr.edu](mailto:iroberts@unr.edu).

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, April 23, 2004

Pre-Conference Registration & Continental Breakfast	7:00-8:00 am
Pre-Conference (Lunch Provided)	8:30 am-2:30 pm
Opening Keynote From Rage to Hope, <i>Crystal Kuykendall, Ed.D.</i>	3:00-4:15 pm
Breakout Sessions	4:30-6:00 pm
Friday Night Share Fair & Reception	6:00-8:00 pm

### Saturday, April 24, 2004

Pre-Conference & Buffet Breakfast	7:00-8:00 am
Keynote Creating (or Enhancing) Positive School Climate, <i>Randall S. Sprick, Ph.D.</i>	8:15-10:00 am
Breakout Sessions	10:15-11:45 am
Lunch on your own	11:45 am-1:15 pm
Breakout Sessions	1:15-2:45 pm
Breakout Sessions	3:15-4:45 pm
Breakout Sessions	5:00-6:30 pm

### Sunday, April 25, 2004

Continental Breakfast	7:00-8:00 am
Workshops Behavior Management in the Common Areas	8:00 am-12:00 pm
Using Data to Guide Instructional Interventions for Struggling Students	
Strategies for Second Language Learners	



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## April 23-25 • Lake Tahoe

Registrations must be received, with payment, by April 16, 2004.  
Limited to 400 people, first come, first served.

Please Print Clearly...

☐ Ms. ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Dr. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School District/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (w/area code) Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE IDENTIFY YOUR PRIMARY ROLE:

- ☐ General Education Teacher
- ☐ Special Education Teacher
- ☐ ESL or Bilingual Ed. Teacher
- ☐ Speech/Language Pathologist
- ☐ School Psychologist
- ☐ Counselor
- ☐ School Administrator
- ☐ District Administrator
- ☐ State Administrator
- ☐ Paraprofessional
- ☐ Parent/Parent Advocate
- ☐ University Professional
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*Federal funding sources ask us to request this information, it is optional for you to provide it*

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity:

- ☐ White
- ☐ Black or African-American
- ☐ American Indian and Alaska Native with Indian
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ Multiracial
- ☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE IDENTIFY GRADE LEVEL(S):

- ☐ Early Childhood/Preschool
- ☐ Elementary-Primary Grades
- ☐ Elementary-Intermediate Grades
- ☐ Middle School/Junior High
- ☐ High School
- ☐ All Grades
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### FIGURING OUT HOW MUCH YOU OWE...

#### Pre-Conference:

Individual: \$40 (lunch included)

Session: ☐ Nutrition ☐ PLC  
☐ Behavior ☐ Stress

#### Early Bird Registration:

Must be received by March 20

Single: \$60

\*Group: \$50

#### Mega Conference:

Single: \$75

\*Group: \$60 (5 or more people)

\*MUST include at least one of these roles: General Education teacher; Special Education teacher (or related Service Provider), Administrator; Other staff/parent

If yes, list LAST names of other registrants:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_



### PAYMENT METHOD: (Make payable to Board of Regents)

#### Registration Fee

Pre-conference Fee (if appropriate) \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

Early Bird (by 3/20) \$60 Single; \$50 group (per person) \_\_\_\_\_

Regular (after 3/20) \$75 Single; \$60 group (per person) \_\_\_\_\_

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check ☐ PO ☐ \*Credit Card: ☐ or ☐

Name on card (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Credit card charge will be to REPC (Research and Educational Planning Center)

Send form and payment to: Ida Roberts. UNR, REPC #285, Reno, NV 89557,  
fax: 775.784.4997

For scholarship information please visit: [www.nde.state.nv.us/mega](http://www.nde.state.nv.us/mega).  
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